

Non-Fiction Poetry:

Ain't Burned All The Bright

By Jason Reynolds

A smash up of art and text that viscerally captures what it means to not be able to breathe, and how the people and things you love most are actually the oxygen you most need.

Borrowed Names

Poems about Laura Ingalls Wilder, Madam C.J. Walker, Marie Curie, and their daughters.

Hey Girl!

By Rachel Rooney

These poems explore the comfort of books, awe at the night sky, playground tricks and friendships, and first love conundrums. There are worries, anxieties, and questioning thoughts--but there's also courage, humor and hope, as one girl strikes out for the future, determined to dance to her own tune, find freedom, and be herself.

Invisible Strings

113 profound poems inspired by Taylor Swift's music to deconstruct and decipher--each secretly corresponds to a different song! Are you ready for it?!

Partly Cloudy

By Gary Soto

The fleeting emotions of teenagers, as changeable as the weather, ring true in these emotionally resonant poems. Told from the point of view of both boys and girls, narrators of various ethnicities fall in love for the first time, pine over crushes, and brood over broken hearts. Tender, lighthearted, and surprising, this collection will capture teens, tweens, and anyone who remembers what it's like to be a young person in love.

Please Excuse This Poem

By Brett Fletcher Lauer

This book features one hundred acclaimed younger poets from truly diverse backgrounds and points of view, whose work has appeared everywhere from *The New Yorker* to Twitter, tackling a startling range of subjects in a startling range of poetic forms.

Poems & Paradoxes

By Kyle Evans

This collection answers these questions and many more, setting fun poetry and illustrations against fascinating mathematical ideas in a unique and amusing way. This book will appeal to math-hungry teens and young adults, but also to anyone who enjoys wordplay and mind-bending concepts.

Poems For Tortured Souls

This collection of timeless poems is a beautiful introduction to the passionate words that have inspired artists and lyricists for generations. Discover poetry that overflows with folklore, love, heartbreak, revenge, and peace - the perfect balm for any tortured soul.

Voices in the Air

By Naomi Shihab Nye

This sequence of ninety-five poems pay tribute to the essential voices past and present that have the power to provoke us, lead us, and give us hope.

When The Stars Wrote Back

By Trista Mateer

This powerful collection unpacks how to heal from trauma, explores love in many forms, and empowers you to love yourself and take up the space you deserve.

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FAVORITES IN VERSE FOR TEENS

The Poet X

By Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara Batista is a teenage girl living in Harlem who's learned to use her fists to send messages. When she's invited to join her school's poetry club, she knows her religious mother will never allow it. But Xiomara is determined to find a way because she has something to say that can only be shared through her poetry.

Solo

By Alexander Kwame

Seventeen-year-old Blade, who endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity.

5 to 1

By Holly Bodger

In the year 2054, after decades of gender selection, India now has a ratio of five boys for every girl, making women an incredibly valuable commodity. Tired of marrying off their daughters to the highest bidder and determined to finally make marriage fair, the women who form the country of Koyanagar have instituted a series of tests so that every boy has the chance to win a wife.

500 Words Or Less

By Juleah Del Rosario

High school senior Nic, seventeen, tries to salvage her tattered reputation by helping her Ivy League-obsessed classmates with college admission essays and finds herself in the process.

With A Star In My Hand

By Margarita Engle

A novel in verse about the life and work of Rubén Darío, a Nicaraguan poet who started life as an abandoned child and grew to become the father of a new literary movement.

All That Shines

By Ellen Hagan

When seventeen-year-old Chloe's affluent family loses everything, she sets out to discover herself with the help of new and surprising friends.

Under A Carnivore Sky

By Brianna Jett

Sixteen-year-old Lili is a hunter, which means she has one goal: Find the monster lurking in the carnivorous, labyrinthian swamp that borders their hometown--and slay it.

An Appetite For Miracles

By Laekan Zea Kemp

With the help of her cousin and their friends, Danna scours the city, searching for her grandfather's favorite foods and hoping the remembered flavors will bring back his memories.

The House No One Sees

By Adina King

When seventeen-year-old Penelope enters her childhood home, the house floods her with painful memories of her mother's opioid addiction that she must confront to mend her fractured past.

The Realm of Possibility

By David Levithan

A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories.

American Ace

By Marilyn Nelson

Connor's grandmother leaves his dad a letter when she dies, and the letter's confession shakes their tight-knit Italian-American family: The man who raised Dad is not his birth father. But the only clues to this birth father's identity are a class ring and a pair of pilot's wings. And so Connor takes it upon himself to investigate.

Long Way Down

By Jason Reynolds

A fiercely stunning novel that takes place in 60 post-tent seconds--the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he's going to murder the guy who shot and killed his brother. As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Forget Me Not

By Ellie Terry

When her mother breaks up with yet another boyfriend, Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.

White Rose

By Kip Wilson

Tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.